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## **Wylie Police Warn of Illegal Solicitations**

Wylie, TX – The Wylie Police Department (WPD) would like to warn local businesses of a possible illegal solicitation scam. Since Thursday, WPD has received several calls from local businesses of what could be deemed as "shady" activity.

Reports have that four people (three males and one female) are approaching local businesses and saying that they represent a company or government entity. The people in question inform the business that they are not in compliance with some type of regulation and that the business needs to purchase a poster for placement in their business to become in compliance.

The people then ask for a credit or debit card to swipe for payment. WPD expect that this might also be part of an identity theft scheme.

The group is dressed in blue business suits and driving a black Hyundai with Florida license plate.

If someone fitting this description comes to your business, please contact the Wylie Police Department at 972.442.8171 or <a href="mailto:police@wylietexas.gov">police@wylietexas.gov</a>.

In addition, WPD would like to remind local businesses that any person going door-to-door is supposed to have a solicitor's permit from the Police Department.

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